

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application.

Listing of Claims

1-18. (Cancelled).

19. (Currently amended) An acidic cleaning block comprising:

a) citric acid; and

b) at least two acids selected from the group consisting of adipic, succinic, glutaric, and mixtures thereof, wherein the cleaning block contains at least 3% and up to 20% by weight of water based on the cleaning block as a whole.

20. (Cancelled)

21. (Cancelled)

22. (Cancelled).

23. (Previously presented) The acidic cleaning block of claim 19, wherein the ratio of citric acid to the adipic, succinic, and glutaric acid is (20 to 60) : (20 to 60).

24. (Previously presented) The acidic cleaning block of claim 19, further comprising an additional acid selected from the group consisting of lactic acid, phosphoric acid, alkyl benzene sulfonic acid, alkanesulfonic acid having 1 to 4 carbon atoms in the alkyl chain, and mixtures thereof.

25. (Previously presented) The acidic cleaning block of claim 19, further comprising lactic acid.

26. (Previously presented) The acidic cleaning block of claim 24, wherein the ratio of citric acid, to the adipic, succinic, and glutaric acid to an additional acid is (20 to 60) : (20 to 60) : (10 to 30).
27. (Previously presented) The acidic cleaning block of claim 19, further comprising at least one surfactant selected from the group consisting of nonionic, anionic, cationic surfactants, and mixtures thereof.
28. (Previously presented) The acidic cleaning block of claim 19, wherein the cleaning block is surrounded by a plastic capsule.
29. (Previously presented) The acidic cleaning block of claim 28, wherein the plastic capsule is substantially polyethylene.
30. (Previously presented) The acidic cleaning block of claim 19, wherein the acidic cleaning block remain solid up to temperatures of 35 °C.